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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, METHOD OF CONTROLLING
STORAGE SYSTEM, AND STORAGE DEVICE

Examiner: D.T. Tran

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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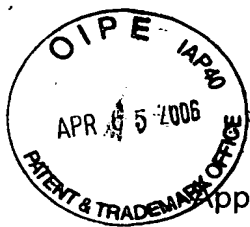
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- ☐ A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$ 1200.00 is attached 1 independent and 20 dependent new claims.
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
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- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on March 31, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 26 of this paper.

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